

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 20-27 remain pending in the application.

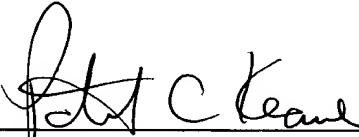
On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has suggested changes to claims 20 and 24. By the foregoing amendment, Claims 20 and 24 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in an effort to expedite allowance.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: October 28, 2004

By: 

Patrick C. Keane
Registration No. 32,858

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620